Delay in Opening of Petrol/Diesel Outlets in Bhopal

†2412. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the applicants selected by the Selection Board, Bhopal in the year 1999 whose petrol/diesel outlets could not be opened till 30.11.99;

(b) the reasons for this unnecessary delay; and

(c) whether Government would issue direction to the petrol/diesel companies to open the selected outlets without any delay; if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) to (c) At Bhopal two Dealer Selection Boards (DSBs) viz. Bhopal-I and Bhopal-II have been set up. These DSBs have selected applicants for 15 retail outlet dealerships from January 1999 to 30.11.1999. Of these one dealership has been commissioned. The commissioning of retail outlet dealerships after selection of candidates involves various stages which include conducting Field Investigation, issuance of Letter of Intent, procuring suitable land, obtaining various mandatory approvals from the State/Local authorities etc. by the dealer select/concerned oil company, etc. This is a time consuming process.

Allocation of Additional Naphtha for Godavari Gas Power Project

2413. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether request for immediate allocation of additional 6,000 MT Naphtha for Godavari Gas based Power Project at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh has been received; and

(b) if so, the measures taken to allocate the additional Naptha for the power project?

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†Original Notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) The 208 MW Godavari Gas based power project of M/s Spectrum Power Generation Ltd. (SPGL) had initially been given allocation of 30 TMTPA of naphtha. A request was received from the project developer as well as from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for additional allocation of naphtha to the tune of 60 TMTPA. The additional naptha requested has also since been allocated to the project in April, 1999.

Regularisation of Contingent workers of ONGC, Tripura

2414. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how many contingent workers are there in the ONGC, Tripura Sector; and

(b) whether Government have any proposal to regularise their service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI E. PONNUSWAMY): (a) and (b) There are a total of 383 contingent workers working in the establishments of ONGC in Tripura State as on today. The contingent worker who complete 240 days continuous service in 12 consecutive calendar months are given preference in regular appointment, subject to the availability of vacancies in the regular establishment and subject to the condition that they fulfill the eligibility criteria as prescribed in the ONGC Recruitment Rules, for the posts against which they are to be considered for appointment.

Use of Unleaded Petrol in Government Vehicles

2415. SHRI SATISHCHANDRA SITARAM PRADHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any plans to force all Government vehicles to use unleaded petrol; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?